

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 23, 2007

TO: The Honorable Richard C. Cathcart, Chairperson
Delaware Psychiatric Center Investigative Committee

Ms. Rita Landgraf, Co-Chairperson
Governor's Task Force on the Delaware Psychiatric Center

FROM: Daniese McMullin-Powell, Chairperson
State Council for Persons with Disabilities

RE: Delaware Psychiatric Center and the DHSS PM 46 Policy

The State Council for Persons with Disabilities (SCPD) has reviewed the attached comments and recommendations regarding the Delaware Psychiatric Center (DPC) and the Department of Health and Social Services' (DHSS) Policy Memorandum (PM) 46 Policy from the Disabilities Law Program and the Victims' Rights Task Force. SCPD endorses the comments and encourages you to adopt these recommendations as you examine best practices for patient care, program improvement, and community placement practices and options.

Thank you for your consideration.

cc: The Honorable William A. Oberle, Jr.
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